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**HSCWP Holds Change of Command**

CORONADO, Calif. (NNS) -- Capt. Larry S. Vincent relieved Captain F. J. Schuller as commander, Helicopter Sea Combat Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet (HSCWP), during a change of command ceremony held Aug. 15 at Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego.

After assuming command, Vincent gave remarks reaffirming HSCWP's mission and priorities.

"Whether it's HSC-23 flying Airborne Use of Force missions on the USS McClusky, HSC-6 demonstrating the capabilities of the LCS during RIMPAC, HSC-85 supporting our special forces, or the Red Lions from HSC-15 prepping for a 10-month cruise, this staff must always remember we support this Navy and our nation by ensuring they are ready to fight. That is our first priority," said Vincent.

Vincent, a native of San Diego, is a 1989 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. At sea, his career as a naval aviator included assignments with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadrons (HS) 4 and 14 aboard USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) and Carrier Air Wing 9 as the combat search and rescue officer aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). He commanded Helicopter Sea Combat (HSC) 8 aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). Major staff tours include OPNAV N78 as the training aircraft requirements officer and Joint Chiefs of Staff J5, working cyberspace and information operations policy. In February 2013, Vincent reported to Commander, Helicopter Sea Combat Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet as deputy commander.

HSCWP provides operational, administrative, maintenance and training support to Pacific Fleet strike group and expeditionary HSC squadrons operating the MH-60S and HH-60H Seahawk helicopters and is the fleet integration lead for the Navy's first operationally deployed Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), the MQ 8 Fire Scout.

HSC squadrons support operational commanders through the execution of several mission sets, including search and rescue, logistics, surface warfare, special operations and combat search and rescue. HSCWP will support surface warfare mission packages on

the littoral combat ships (LCS) and recently conducted the first two aircraft detachments aboard USS Independence (LCS 2). Pacific Fleet HSC squadrons also support local Southern California firefighting efforts, augmenting CAL FIRE when required.

"Naval aviation is about applying the right force, a capable force, at the right time. In addition to the unique and irreplaceable support provided the Naval Special Warfare through HSC-84 and HSC-85, HSC aircraft touch every surface platform in the Navy," said Vincent. "As carrier and expeditionary strike groups look for ways to expand their warfighting capabilities, HSC will be ready."

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